

## REMARKS

Claims 1-14 were pending. Claim 1 was rejected. Claims 2-14 were objected to. Claims 1 and 2 are amended. Claims 1-14 are pending.

### Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,130,996 by Yoshito KONISHI et al. Claims 2-14 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claim.

In response to the examiner's rejection, the applicant has amended claim 1 to substantially incorporate patentable features that are recited in claim 2.

### Amendment to Claims

The applicant has amended claim 1 to recite that the printed matter containing servo control information is located on the support structure. Support for the amendments to claim 1 may be found in claim 2.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the present application. If there are any remaining issues, the examiner is encouraged to contact the applicants' undersigned agent to discuss said issues.

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